

Definite and Indefinite Articles

In passages 1-3, fill each blank with either *a(n)* or *the*.

Passage 1

Over the last few decades, technology has revolutionized (1) _____ way people learn. (2) _____ introduction of calculators, tablets, smart boards, video cameras, and computers has had (3) _____ profound impact on students' experiences in (4) _____ classroom.

Passage 2

Many of (1) _____ technologies that helped create (2) _____ modern world may become (3) _____ serious danger to us in (4) _____ near future. For (5) _____ past century, increasing levels of CO₂ within (6) _____ atmosphere have caused (7) _____ consistent rise in temperatures across (8) _____ globe.

Passage 3

In recent decades, obesity rates have increased dramatically worldwide. As a result, politicians in (1) _____ few cities have suggested implementing (2) _____ small tax on sugary drinks and snacks. (3) _____ fee would target highly processed foods and beverages that have been shown to cause harm to (4) _____ individual's health. In addition, (5) _____ warning label would be placed on (6) _____ packaging of these items, describing (7) _____ potential consequences of consuming them.

In passages 4-6, some blanks must be filled with *a(n)* or *the*, while others do not require an article.

Passage 4

People often view (1) _____ creation of art as (2) _____ leisure activity rather than (3) _____ essential part of people's lives. As a result, classes involving (4) _____ arts are often targeted for elimination when budget cuts are made. I believe that this is (5) _____ serious mistake: exposure to the visual arts, theater, and music provides many benefits to (6) _____ students and should be considered (7) _____ necessary aspect of their education.

Passage 5

Until the Industrial Revolution, which occurred in the middle of (1) _____ eighteenth century, (2) _____ few people lived in urban areas. In (3) _____ early 1900s, for example, there were only 12 cities in the world with more than (4) _____ million inhabitants. Today, (5) _____ majority of the global population resides in (6) _____ urban location. Moreover, (7) _____ number of cities with more than one million residents has doubled many times during (8) _____ last hundred years.

Passage 6

Entrepreneurship plays a critical role in (1) _____ development of (2) _____ economy as it is among (3) _____ most significant contributors to innovation and product improvement. It is also (4) _____ important ingredient in (5) _____ creation of community-based employment. By investing in projects, participating in various networks, and contributing to local charities, (6) _____ startup companies can help promote (7) _____ robust economic development.

Answers

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Over the last few decades, technology has revolutionized (1) **the** way people learn. (2) **The** introduction of calculators, tablets, Smart Boards, video cameras, and computers has had (3) **a** profound impact on students' experiences in (4) **the*** classroom.

*Note: *in the classroom* is a fixed phrase; it is a synonym for *in school*.

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